“Abolishing the Penny Makes Good Sense’

Quickwrite: Write a paragraph about a device or object that has outlived its usefulness. Explain what caused it to lose value, and discuss why some people might be reluctant to get rid of it.

Define the following:

1. Evidence:
2. Anecdotal evidence:
3. Empirical evidence:
4. Logical evidence:
5. Deductive reasoning:

Fill in the following. Change your answers to a different color, or underline or BOLD them.

1. General principle:
2. Specific situation:
3. Conclusion:
4. What is the author’s claim?
5. What does he use to back up his claim on page 648?
6. Do you think this is effective?
7. Why or why not?
8. Look at the anecdote in lines 18-35. Do you think it is effective?
9. Why or why not?
10. Look at the paragraphs under “91 Billion in Circulation.” List factual evidence.
11. List estimates or opinions.
12. What strategy is the author using in the second paragraph under “Sentimental Value”?
13. What effect do you think the author was going for in the last sentence?